

CHIEF ENGINEER, UTILITIES

Purpose: To plan, develop, and manage the engineering activities for city-owned utilities.

Functional Areas:

1. Plan and supervise the design, construction, inspection, and repair functions for utility construction

activities for sanitary sewers and lift stations, water distribution systems, natural gas distribution systems, and storm water drainage and detention systems.

- * A. Research and analyze information necessary to utility construction including determining need, specifications, and costs for maintenance and construction projects.
- * B. Prepare appropriate statistical and narrative reports.
- * C. Furnish engineering information, data, and requirements for requests from individuals and companies.
- * D. Conduct feasibility studies related to utility system needs.
- * E. Coordinate division activities with other City departments and outside agencies and contractors.
- * F. Approve projects, design, and construction procedures.
- * G. Develop long-range plans, capital improvement programs, budgets, and related studies.
- * H. Maintain departmental communications by reporting on activities to the director and others on the management team.
- * I. Direct the inspection and testing of materials and the quality of work done in all stages of construction or repair, including the final acceptance of, and payment for, work performed by contractors.
- * J. Enforce contract specifications.
- * K. Perform professional engineering work on construction, replacement, and extension projects.
- * L. Serve as a technical resource to other City personnel and operations.

2. Organize and direct the activities of assigned personnel.

- * A. Determine priorities, assign work, and coordinate schedules to ensure completion of work.
- * B. Effectively recommend the hire, transfer, promotion, and suspension or discharge of subordinate personnel.
- * C. Establish work standards and conduct employee evaluations.
- * D. Discipline assigned personnel as necessary.
- * E. Provide for the training of personnel in correct and safe operating procedures.
- * F. Effectively recommend adjustments or other actions in employee grievances.
- * G. Delegate authority and responsibilities to others as needed.
- * H. Disseminate and interpret instructions provided to employees through bulletins and other communications.

3. Perform other duties as assigned.

- * A. Prepare and present oral and written reports, contracts, and data to local, state, and federal regulatory or legislative bodies, as necessary.
- * B. Develop annual budget and represent division in budget hearings.
- * C. Approve and supervise all division expenditures.
- * D. Ensure compliance by the division with all applicable standards, policies, rules, laws, agreements, and contracts.
- * E. Write specifications, recommend capital improvement purchases, and order supplies and equipment.
- * F. Interpret the objectives and services to the community.
- * G. Attend and participate in various meetings, conferences, seminars, and hearings as required.

JOB REQUIREMENTS

1. Education/Experience & License Requirements:

- ◆ A. Four (4) years of verifiable gas, water, wastewater, stormwater, or related utility engineering experience with at least two (2) years at a supervisory level.
- ◆ B. Registration as a professional engineer with the ability to become registered in the State of Minnesota within six (6) months from the date of appointment.
- ◆ C. Possession of a valid MN driver's license or privilege by date of appointment and thereafter.

2. Knowledge Requirements:

- ◆ A. Knowledge of utility engineering principles and procedures.
- ◆ B. Knowledge of natural gas utility operations.
- ◆ C. Knowledge of water utility operations.
- ◆ D. Knowledge of water resources engineering principles and procedures.
- ◆ D. Knowledge of supervisory practices and procedures.
- ◆ E. Knowledge of capital improvement and operational budgeting and programming methodology.
- ◆ F. Knowledge of applicable state and federal environmental and pipeline safety regulations and standards.
- ◆ G. Knowledge of OSHA and MNOPS regulations.

3. Skill Requirements:

- ◆ A. Skill in applying engineering principles and practices to the operation of utilities.
- ◆ B. Skill in managing comprehensive utilities work programs.
- ◆ C. Skill in preparing and presenting written and oral reports to individuals and groups.
- ◆ D. Skill in supervising others in an open and participatory work environment.

4. Ability Requirements:

- ◆ A. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with public and private officials, customers, peers, and subordinates.
- ◆ B. Ability to exercise good judgement and accept personal responsibility.
- ◆ C. Ability to transport oneself to and around various work sites.
- ◆ D. Ability to interpret safety rules and apply them to work situations.
- ◆ E. Ability to analyze and evaluate operations and procedures.
- ◆ F. Ability to transport light loads weighing up to 25 pounds, including tools, plans, and measurement equipment.
- ◆ G. Ability to attend work on a regular basis.

* Essential functions of the job

- ◆ Job requirements necessary on the first day of employment.